

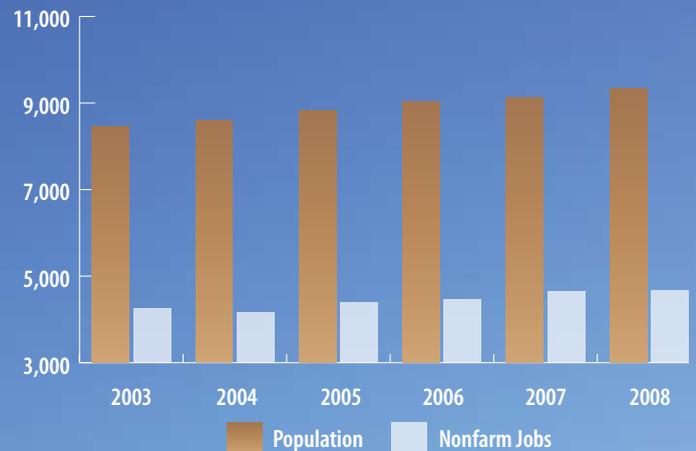
# Grand County

Grand County is an internationally renowned outdoor recreation destination, centered around the city of Moab, with mountain biking, river running, off-road travel, and spectacular red rock formations within Arches National Park.

Population is one of the most important indicators of vitality for a rural area like Grand County. In the last five years, 2003 to 2008, population growth has averaged a healthy 2 percent per year. Job growth, while averaging almost 2 percent as well over this same period, slowed to a crawl in 2008, averaging 4,684—just 25 more jobs than recorded on average in 2007.

At the end of 2008, Grand County was feeling the effects of the national recession, with significant job losses in construction, real estate, and manufacturing. In the first quarter of 2009, recessionary affects had spread to the tourism industry, as employment in lodging and food services in March of 2009 was 11.7 percent below the level of March 2008. Ⓢ

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Source: Utah Population Estimates Committee and Utah Department of Workforce Services.



A jeep / rock crawler 4x4 climbing the red slick rock of Southern Utah.